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CHECK ARTISTS DID A FLOURISHING BUSINESS

Strong Flagstaff Business Men for a Few Hundred and Got Away With the Goods

Stung again! The first of last week a bunch of forged checks fell into the hands of Flagstaff saloon keepers and other business men, the whole number aggregating about \$400. Monday afternoon and evening, a week ago, a smooth individual of unknown identity made the rounds and disposed of at least ten checks for amounts ranging from \$30 to \$40. The next morning he was gone, and the fraud was not discovered until the checks began to appear at the Arizona Central bank, upon which they were drawn. They were all made out regularly in the name of the Smith Construction Co., and bore the signature of their paymaster, Scott Mitchell. This, of course, was forged, and in such a smooth manner as to indicate that it was the work of an office man or a professional crook. The style of writing would indicate that there were two implicated in the work. The loss will fall upon the individuals accepting the checks, as they were passed to the bank fully indorsed.

Sheriff John Francis and his deputies are in pursuit of the crook or crooks, and no effort or expense will be spared to bring them to justice. Sheriff Francis brought in a suspect yesterday from San Francisco—a former time-keeper for the Smith Construction company—but the evidence against him does not seem very convincing, and he claims he can prove an alibi. Another man—a more likely subject—who was in jail here a few days ago, is now under suspicion, and Deputy Sheriff Pulliam went south yesterday in pursuit of him.

Mrs. Cameron's Mother Dies

Mrs. Albert Cummings, mother of Mrs. B. A. Cameron, of Flagstaff, died at her home in Redlands, Calif., last Friday evening, January 27. Her death was sudden and entirely unexpected. About three weeks ago she was run down by a bicycle and sustained a fracture of the thigh bone, but she was apparently recovering and doing well. Friday afternoon a telegram came to Mrs. Cameron, saying that all was well, but about 11 o'clock that evening another came announcing the death. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron left Saturday for Redlands, to be present at the funeral.

School Notes

School reopened after the enforced vacation following the holidays, with nearly 200 pupils in attendance.

David Lovell succeeded Mr. Byrom as janitor, and has fallen into the routine of his department like an old hand at the business.

There are still some vacant seats in the lower grades, owing to some children not having fully recovered from the measles, but it is expected that all the seats occupied before the holidays will be filled next week.

Miss Gettings, who fills the position formerly occupied by Miss Black, comes highly recommended as a lady of excellent character and of successful experience in teaching, and during the few days she has been with her pupils, has made a favorable impression.

Jones & Co. Branch Out

The firm of W. A. Jones & Co. will expand mightily the next few weeks. The Confection Den will be greatly enlarged and a bakery and candy kitchen added to that department. The large room on the east has been annexed to the pool hall, which will be doubled in size and divided in two parts, thus precluding any possibility of an outbreak on account of race prejudice. There will also be installed a bottling works plant in the building. All told their business interests will embrace the Confection Den, candy kitchen, bakery, bottling works, pool hall and bowling alley. All these interests will be under one roof, except the bowling alley. It will be a veritable bee hive. Jones & Co. have made rapid strides since engaging in business and these extensive improvements would indicate that they are meeting with great success. It may be marked down that their new ventures will be strictly up to date and a credit to the city.

Elks at Methodist Church

The services at the Methodist Episcopal church last Sunday evening, complimentary to the Elks, their families and friends, were largely attended, many being obliged to stand during the entire program.

The sermon delivered by Rev. Clyde Metcalf was a splendid one, and calculated to make all who heard it endeavor to do more toward the uplifting of their fellow-men and practice the virtues of brotherly love. A large choir rendered very fine music, and the anthem sung by them would have been a credit to a well trained chorus. Morris Blome sang a very pretty solo, violin accompaniment by Miss Augusta Treat. Mrs. Fred Hull presided at the piano.

Road Improvements at Williams

The Bobby Burns Transfer Co's teams began Wednesday morning grading the new county road on the north side of the track. This is a much needed improvement and the Flagstaff road will now run just this side of the ball grounds, which will cut out the hill on the former road by the smelter and we will now have a county road that crosses at the local depot, then by the way of the ball grounds and on to Flagstaff, which does away with all the hills and trains. We are glad that the road is to be straightened. —Williams News.

Weather Report.

The following data for the week ending at 9 o'clock a. m., Feb. 2, is furnished by Observer A. E. Hackett, in charge of the local office of the United States weather bureau.

The mean temperature of the week was 40 degrees, which is 12 degrees above normal.

The highest temperature was 57 degrees on January 30th, and the lowest 27 degrees on February 1.

The highest temperature previously recorded for the same period during the past 13 years was 55 degrees in 1904, and the lowest, 10 degrees below in 1902.

The total precipitation during the week was .47 inch.

The prevailing winds were from the southwest and the average cloudiness was 74 per cent.

The Ladies Aid will serve dinner and supper on election day in the postoffice block.

PANAMA EXPOSITION GOES TO SAN FRANCISCO

Decision Reached in House After An Hour of Fervid Oratory by Champions of Rival Cities

Washington, Jan. 31. — There were two votes in the House, following an hour of oratory, in which the claims for the 1915 fair were presented by the champions of San Francisco and New Orleans. First came the fight as to which proposition should have precedence—that of the Pacific Coast metropolis or that of the Crescent City. This vote resulted 188 to 159, a majority of twenty-nine in favor of San Francisco.

The final vote by which the resolution favoring San Francisco was adopted was as follows: San Francisco, 259; New Orleans, 43.

Supper and Dance at Cliffs

A dance and supper will be given at Cliffs tomorrow night by the Cliffs Athletic Association. Neat invitations and programs have been issued for the affair, and it will be strictly high class, as is the custom with social events given by the Cliffs people. Everything will be free, the supper being provided gratuitously to the boys by their employer, Mr. C. A. Greenlaw.

Local and Personal

G. N. Baty is numbered among the sick folks this week.

Banker M. I. Powells and F. W. Perkins are at Phoenix this week.

It is reported that the wife of Ranger Lewis Benedict is very ill, at Phoenix.

Mrs. O. L. Hoyt went to Jerome the first of the week to visit relatives and friends.

Miss Hattie Gibbs, of Albuquerque, is visiting this week with her sister, Miss Florence.

The W. C. T. U. will meet next Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 7, at the home of Mrs. J. E. Jones.

John P. Kerley passed through Thursday on his way to Bellemont. He was here about an hour visiting old friends.

R. R. Hill, who has been employed at the Fort Valley experiment station, has been transferred to Albuquerque.

Charles M. Brooks, the concrete bridge man, was in town yesterday. The bridge work on the double track between this place and Williams has been completed.

The Chinese population of Flagstaff, comprising a score or more restaurant keepers and laundrymen, observed last Sunday as New Year. To them it was a joyous occasion—a time for reveling in red fire and thunder, drinking, feasting and making presents. They treated their American friends generously, giving them presents, liquors and cigars galore.

The first of the week the machinery and entire equipment of the Coconino County Democrat and the Flagstaff Gem was moved into The Sun office. The Gem is no more. The combined machinery and material of the two offices gives The Sun unlimited facilities for handling any kind of work and in any quantity. Just now business is too brisk to talk about it—but come and see for yourself. The latch string is always out.

And They Were Wed

Charley Marshall, proprietor of the Palace tonsorial parlor, stole away Sunday night to Holbrook, where he secured a license from the county judge, then hiked across the line to Adamana, found a willing accomplice there in the person of Miss Irene Grosh, and together they returned to Navajo county where a parson, or somebody, was prevailed upon to perform the ceremony which made them man and wife. This important transaction took place Monday and that evening the happy pair left for Kansas City. From there they go to Porter, Oklahoma, to visit relatives of the bride. They will return to Flagstaff in about three weeks and settle down permanently in their own cozy home.

Mr. Marshall is too well known in Flagstaff to need an introduction. He was born in Flagstaff and from boyhood up has been a favorite with his associates. He has one of the best appointed barber shops in the territory and is deservedly prosperous. The bride, as a student of the Normal last year, gained a large circle of admiring friends who will welcome her back to Flagstaff with gladness and joy.

Former Flagites Promoted

The Holmes Supply Co. announces that they have made the following promotions, which became effective January 1:

Mr. Walter J. Botts, to purchasing agent, with office at Los Angeles, in charge of the purchase of all supplies and equipment.

Mr. R. McKinnon, to division manager, with office at Fresno, in charge of all stores and commissary cars between Bakersfield and San Francisco. Mr. McKinnon was a former Flagstaff man.

Mr. R. F. Smith to store manager at Fresno, vice McKinnon.

Mr. F. L. Noble, to store manager at Richmond, vice Smith.

Mr. H. H. Smith, to division manager, with office at Winslow, in charge of all stores and commissary cars between Gallup and Seligman, including Grand Canyon railroad. He is one of Winslow's most enterprising young men.

Mr. J. P. Kerley, to store manager at Winslow, vice Smith. He has charge of work from Flagstaff to Gallup, and is another Flagstaff man of former days.

Mr. J. S. Mee to division manager with office at Needles in charge of all stores and commissary cars between Seligman and Mojave, including Arizona division branches.

Mr. E. W. Prendergast to store manager at Needles, vice Mee.

Election of Officers

The stockholders of the Black River Mining and Smelting Company held their annual meeting in the directors' room of the Citizens Bank on Tuesday evening, Jan. 31, for the purpose of electing a board of directors. The following well-known gentlemen will look after the business of that company for the ensuing year: A. E. Hackett, F. W. Perkins, Geo. T. Herrington, G. N. Baty and John Woods. Mr. J. E. Jones being connected with so many other interests, both public and private, he could not give the subject of mining much attention and for that reason he withdrew from the board in favor of Mr. Woods.

GREENLAW'S NEW MILL MAKING SAWDUST FLY

Started First of the Month and Will Be Running in Full Blast Next Week

Once more the "wheels of industry" are humming at Cliffs. Last Wednesday the big machinery of the new mill started off without a hitch and a short trial run was made. It worked liked a charm, and the prospects for an extended and successful run were never more promising. Beginning next Monday, a full force will be put to work and the business of turning out lumber will be on in dead earnest.

Only a little work of cleaning up and adjusting minor details remains to be done to complete the plant. It is said to be a sawmill perfect in every detail, one that ranks with the best in the business. Mr. Greenlaw is to be congratulated on his enterprise and quick recovery from the misfortune sustained in the loss of the old mill, which was consumed by fire a few months ago.

"Along the Kennebec"

The excellent music discoursed by the band accompanying the show outfit that appeared here Monday was much enjoyed, but the play, which was presented at the opera house in the evening, was rather tame. A large crowd was in attendance, and opinions differ as to the merits of the performance. It may be said, however, that a good, clean motion picture entertainment, such as Manager Ryan regularly provides, is away ahead of the high-priced amateurish theatricals of any kind. A person is sure to get his money's worth any night in the week at the Flagstaff opera house, barring "accidents" such as occurred Monday night.

Dead Man Came to Life

Snowflake, Arizona, January 30. —Special to the Sun.—Born in Snowflake on January 20, a nine and a half pound girl, to Mr. and Mrs. George T. Bucklar. Mother and babe are getting along fine. Papa not doing so fine—was on the way to Holbrook on the 23rd. of January and was thrown from a horse, breaking his collar-bone. There was a man named Adair died at Lakeside, Arizona, near Showler, Saturday, January 25, and all preparations were made for burial, when he came to life again Sunday, and is still living at last reports.

A Very Old Newspaper

A copy of the Ulster County Gazette, (New York), dated January 4, 1800, is attracting considerable attention at the Commercial. It is the property of C. B. Myrant. The paper is worn and considerably frazzled, but much of the reading matter is legible and of a highly interesting character, particularly the account of the death and burial of General George Washington. Whether the paper is original or a reproduction, it is certainly an interesting and valuable relic.

Statehood Ratification Meeting

A large number turned out at the court house last night and listened to stirring addresses by Hon. H. F. Ashurst, of Prescott, Hon. M. G. Cuniff, of Jerome, Hon. Thomas A. Flynn, of this city, favoring the ratification of the Arizona constitution. Considerable enthusiasm was developed, and many of the faithful believe that much good was accomplished.